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THE Cuſtom of recommending Books in Publick Papers, has never been encouraged by me, tho' frequently ſollicited by my Correſpondents; becauſe I have ſometimes ſeen it abuſed. Yet I muſt own, that where a Man is permitted a free Uſe of his Judgment, and does not yield a complaiſant aſſent to ſome Friend's Performance, ſuch Character may be ſerviceable to the Publick. In one Caſe, at leaſt, I really think they may be exceedingly uſeful: the Caſe I would put is this. Among the Croud of Pamphlets that iſſue from the Preſs, there are often comes a Piece truly uſeful to Mankind in general, and not devoted to Party Purpoſes, or tinctured with that ſatirical Humour, which chiefly qualifies Performances for vulgar Approbation. To recommend ſuch a Thing as this, to apprize the Publick of it, and to make uſe of one's Station to render a little Service to that humble Modeſty which naturally attends on real Merit, is ſurely the moſt commendable Topick that can employ one's Pen.

I have lately met with a Piece, which, in my ſincere Opinion, merits this Kind of Notice, becauſe it abounds with many curious, uſeful, and entertaining Particulars. It is a Diſcourſe written by the late ingenious Mr. Purry, treating rationally, and, conſequently, certainly, of the beſt Climate in the World. That is to ſay, the Tract of Country round the Globe, beſt ſuited by Nature to produce Things neceſſary and convenient for Mankind, in the common Degree of Application, which is beſtowed on every Soil. An Inquiry, which, as the Author obſerves, has been exceedingly neglected; and which, when judiciouſly purſued, Becomes unqueſtionably of the very high Point of Political Knowledge. I ſay, Political Knowledge; becauſe, when once thoroughly underſtood, it renders Miniſters of State, Directors of Trading Companies, and all, who by their Publick Characters, are called to the particular Care of the National Intereſt and Commerce, competent Judges of any Meaſures made for new Diſcoveries, with a View to the Purpoſes before mentioned.

I cannot eaſily Figure to oneſelf a Queſtion of greater Curioſity or Importance, than that which this Treatiſe handles. Its Solution contributes greatly to the reading, with thorough Underſtanding, and, conſequently, with the moſt Pleaſure, all Geographical Deſcriptions of Countries, Books of Voyages, Travels, &c. and often become ſolidly Uſeful and Inſtructive, tho' otherwiſe little better than bare Amuſements. It enables to diſcover, not only the fallacious Encomiums of a Writer, or that diſtant Country, to perſuade us into a falſe Opinion of it; but it detects all the Exaggerations which ſuch an Author is apt to run from Paſſion or Prejudice. It conveys eaſily, and, in a manner, inſenſibly, the moſt valuable Lights of Geography; and gives a ſurpriſing Reliſh to the Study of that Science, by manifeſting its Utility. In a Word, it opens a large Field for Contemplation; and puts it in the Power of every ſtudious and contemplative Perſon, to diſcover as much, or more, in his Cloſet, than a Man of ordinary Underſtanding could learn by ſailing round the Globe. In Juſtice to the very ingenious and obliging Gentleman, who communicated this valuable Piece to me, I will conclude with his Letter.

To the AUTHOR *of the* DAILY GAZETTEER.

SIR,

Adventures and Shipwrecks are to *Voyages* and *Travels*, what Battles and Sieges are to *Hiſtory*; moſt affecting, but not the moſt inſtructive Part of them. Many Circumſtances, which captivate the ſuperficial Reader, but afford little Entertainment to the Speculative! The Springs of Action, the Policies of Stateſmen, the Intereſts of Kingdoms, the Extent of Commerce, the Improvements in Manufactures, the Culture of Countries, are Subjects, at once, agreeable to the moſt philoſophick or Active Mind; and which, I would flatter myſelf, are the chief Incitements to the preſent Undertaking. For my Part, I catch at every little Piece which treats upon any of theſe uſeful Topics; and could not but be highly pleaſed with a Diſcourſe I juſt met with, wholly determining the beſt Climate of the Earth, by Hiſtory. As he had ſeen various Climates, he was the better capable of reaſoning upon them; and the Principle he goes upon ſeems ſo juſtly founded, that I queſtion not but future Colonies will juſtify the Truth of it. But the Author of it, like other Theoriſts, met with Oppoſition in his Life-time. Is it to be wondered at, that a Maxim ſhould not immediately gain Belief, which is to combat the Partialities of all the Inhabitants of the Earth who do not live under that Climate to which he gives the Preference? Our great Poet, you know, with a Mixture of Satire and Praiſe, in Imitation of that Providence which converts the Vices and Follies of Mankind to the wiſeſt Purpoſes, beautifully obſerves:

'Ask where's the North? At York, 'tis on the Tweed;
'In Scotland, at the Orcades; and there,
'At Greenland, Zembla, or the Lords knows where.
'Ev'n thoſe who dwell beneath its very Zone,
'Or never feel the Rage, or never own;
'What happier Natures ſhrink at with Affright,
'The hard Inhabitant contend, is right.'

I am, yours, &c.

HOME PORTS.

Briſtol, December 26. Arrived the Edward and Moly, Talman, from Virginia.

Plymouth, December 25. Sailed the Jerſey Man of War from Spithead.

Dartmouth, December 25. Wind N W. This Day ſailed the Roſe in June, Warmington, from Morlaix for Portſmouth.

Weymouth, December 26. Wind N. N. W. Sailed the Anne, Biſhop, for London; the Vineyard, Holland, for North Yarmouth. Arrived the Thomas and Rebecca, Ellery, from London. 'His Majeſty's Ships, under the 'Command of Admiral Medley, are now under Sail 'for the Weſtward.'

Pool, December 26. Sailed the Friendſhip, Noble, for Liverpool, 'A French Veſſel belonging to Bayonne, with '1500 Quintals of Fiſh and Oil, is taken, and ſent in 'here, by the Bacchus Privateer, Capt. Wadham.'

Southampton, December 26. Wind N. E. Since my laſt arrived the Montague, Bennven, from Guernſey. Sailed the Diſpatch, Tanner, for Dublin; and the Mary, Ahier, for Jerſey.

Dover, December 27. Arrived the Ufro Johanna, Vett, from Oporto, in Nine Days.

Deal, December 27. Wind N. E. Arrived the Prince of Orange, Adams, from New England. Remain the Princeſs Louiſa, Harwich, Pearl, and Shoreham Men of War,

Arrived

At New York, the Woodſtock, Exter, from London.

At Maryland, the Philip and Peter, Anter, from London.

At Lisbon, the Thomas and Sarah, Belſey, the St. George, Hart, the Catherine, Debuke, the Britannia, King, the Tagus, Clemens, the Dragon, Ryan, the Saudade, Backabee, the John and Ellen, Blewet, the John, Paul, and the St. Auguſtine, Fergus, all from London; the St. George, Raitte, from Cowes; the Sarah, Welkſon, from Portſmouth; the Content, Perkes, from Chicheſter; and the St. Joſeph, St. Andrie e Almas da Caſta, from Cork.

LONDON.

The Ship mentioned laſt Poſt to drove aſhore in Whitſand Bey, is the Maryland Merchant, Beck, from Maryland for London; ſhe is ſtranded and bulged.

The Britannia, Sharp, from Antigua for London, is put into Ilfordcomb, very much damaged.

The Books of his Majeſty's Ship the Fox are ſent to Chatham, to pay the Wages due to her Company to the 30th of June, 1743; alſo the Wages due to the Men remov'd from the Deptford Prize at Chatham, into the Falcon Sloop.

Laſt Tueſday the Right Hon. the Earl of Suffolk gave Six Oxen, and Bread in Proportion, to the Poor of the Six Pariſhes about Saffron Walden, whereof he is Lord of the Manor.

Laſt Monday the Colcheſter Stage Coach, going from London for that Place, was overturn'd near the Red Lion at Ingerſtone; by which Accident One Paſſenger was kill'd, and Four ſo much bruiſed, that their Lives are deſpaired of.

Yeſterday his Grace the Duke of Bedford, the Right Hon. the Earl of Sandwich, the Lord Vere Beauclerc, and Admiral Anſon, took their Seats, for the firſt Time, in the Admiralty Office.

His Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint the Right Hon. the Lord Viſcount Cobham, to be Colonel of a Regiment of Horſe in Ireland, in the room of General Neville.

Yeſterday the following Numbers were drawn Prizes in the State Lottery; viz. 3251, 500 l. 26314, 9073, 47,162, 26,457, 44,282, 57,993, 100 l. each.

High Water this Day at London-Bridge.	Morning	05 14	Evening	05 30

Bank Stock, 145 1-half. India, 186. South Sea, 112. Old Annuity, 111 3-8ths. New ditto Nothing done. Three per Cent. Nothing done. Ditto 1743, 93 3-8ths. Ditto 1744, 93 3-8ths. Seven per Cent. Loan, Nothing done. Five per Cent. ditto, Nothing done. Royal Aſſurance, 88. London Aſſurance, 11 1-4th. India Bonds, 2 l. 7 s. to 6 s. Bank Circulation, 2 l. 5 s. Salt Tallies, Nothing done. Three 1-half per Cent. Exchequer Orders, Nothing done. Three per Cent. ditto, 91. Million Bank, 116. Equivalent, 110. Tickets, 14 l.

Admiralty-Office, December 22, 1744.

WHereas *by an Eſtabliſhment, which has been long in Force in the Royal Navy, a Schoolmaſter is allowed to each of his Majeſty's Ships of the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Rate, with the Allowance of Midſhipman's Pay, and Twenty Pounds a Year beſides for his Encouragement; but an Opinion having prevailed of late Years, that ſince the Erection of a Royal Academy at Portſmouth, for Educating and Training up Gentlemens Sons for his Majeſty's Sea Service, the Eſtabliſhment of Schoolmaſters has been aboliſhed; which Opinion being hurtful to his Majeſty's Service, by preventing Perſons from applying to be employed in that Capacity, and thereby depriving the Youth, who ſerve on Board his Majeſty's Ships, of the neceſſary Aſſiſtance for perfecting themſelves in the Art of Navigation: The Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty think proper to order this publick Notice to be given, that the Eſtabliſhment of Schoolmaſters on Board the Ships of the Royal Navy is ſtill in Force; and that if Perſons properly qualified, by having paſſed an Examination at* Trinity Houſe, *will apply to this Office, they ſhall meet with all due Encouragement, and be warranted as Schoolmaſters, on board ſuch of his Majeſty's Ships as may be in want of them. And that their Attendance at Trinity Houſe, in* Water-Lane, *in order to paſs an Examination, may be made as eaſy to them as poſſible, the Maſter, Wardens, and Aſſiſtants of that Corporation, upon any Perſon's offering himſelf to be examined, either on a Wedneſday or Saturday (which are their Board-Days) and producing the uſual Certificate, of his being a Perſon of a ſober Life and Converſation, and well affected to his Majeſty's Perſon and Government, will forthwith proceed to his Examination, and continue the ſame every enſuing Board-Day.*

Tho. Corbett.

Cuſtom-Houſe, London, December 27, 1744.

WHereas *upon the* 18*th of this Inſt.* December, Arthur Gray, *of* Hawkhurſt *in* Kent, *Butcher*; Jeremiah Curtis, *of the ſame Place, Labourer*; *and* Robert Moreton, *of the ſame Place, Labourer*; *with ſeveral other Perſons, came to* Shoreham *in* Kent, *armed with Blunderbuſſes, and other offenſive Weapons; and then and there did aſſault and fire upon* Thomas Quayſe, *an Officer of his Majeſty's Cuſtoms,* John Bolton, Peter Floyd, *and* John Jones, *who were Aſſiſtants to the ſaid Officer; and did beat and wound the ſaid Perſons in a moſt cruel and barbarous Manner, and forcibly took from them their Arms and Horſes; and carried away the ſaid* John Bolton, Peter Floyd, *and* John Jones, *to* Hawkhurſt *in* Kent, *who have not ſince been heard of. The Commiſſioners of his Majeſty's Cuſtoms, in order to bring the ſaid Offenders to Juſtice, and the more effectually to put a Stop to ſuch outrageous and violent Proceedings, do hereby promiſe a Reward of* Fifty Pounds, *for the apprehending each of the ſaid Perſons concerned in the ſaid Aſſault and Robbery, to be paid by the Receiver-General and Caſhier of his Majeſty's Cuſtoms, upon Conviction, over and above all other Rewards, which they may be entitled to by Law.*

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